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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, PINT, CZ
SUBJECT: READMISSION OF FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS

1. AP STRINGER EVA DRAPALOVA TOLD US JULY 29 THAT CZECHOSLOVAK CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL SOON TAKE ACTION TO REHABILITATE FORMER PARTY MEMBERS CAUGHT UP IN THE POST-1968 PURGES. DRAPOLOVA CLAIMS PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO REINSTATEMENT OF WORKERS, WOMEN, AND SOME INTELLECTUALS--IN THAT ORDER. ASKED WHETHER TECHNOCRATS WILL BE RETURNED TO GOOD PARTY STANDING, SHE THOUGHT NOT. SHE SAID PARTY LEADERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AFTER 1968 THE CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMY SUFFERED FROM LOSS OF MANAGERIAL EXPERTISE, BUT LEADERSHIP BELIEVES THE NEW TECHNOCRATS ARE IMPROVING ALL THE
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TIME AND NEED NOT BE REPLACED EXCEPT PERHAPS IN SPECIAL CASES.

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DRAPSLOVA EMPHASIZED THAT THE MOST ARDENT SUPPORTERS OF DUBCEK WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE RETURNED TO PARTY MEMBERSHIP.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND REPORT WE HAVE HEARD FROM LOCAL JOURNALISTS SINCE MID-JULY INDICATING THAT CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY MAY SOON BEGIN TO CARRY OUT GENERAL SECRETARY HUSAK'S CALL AT XVTH PARTY CONGRESS FOR "DIFFERENTATION"--DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN LEADERS OF 1968 RADICAL REFORMS AND THOSE MERELY MISLED (SEE PRAGUE'S A-63). WE BELIEVE CAUTIOUS POLITICAL REHABILITATION PROCESS ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY DRAPALOVA MAY WELL BEGIN BEFORE LONG.
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